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In Memoriam

John Dodd, Longtime resident and Sportsman
Betty Kippen (Elizabeth Manauski) Born in
Black Diamond, sister of members Gertrude
Weston, Frank and George Manauski.

Gona Kramer, wife of William Kramer and mother
of Audrey Mendenhall.

Vera Margarini, Born in Black Diamond.

Raffle

The response to the second annual raffle has
been very gratifying. While the actual
drawing date is not until Dec. 6, the reason
for the early mailing is twofold. One is that
everyone has the chance to sell or buy the

tickets before the busy Holiday season is upon us. Second reason was to take advantage
of an offer by the members of the B.D. Quilters who donated the first prize to sell
tickets at their Quilt Show. The Show was held and the Quilters sold \$100.00 worth of
tickets. We are grateful for the many kind words and comments that accompany the returns.
Many members have sent extra money and for this we want to thank each and every one of you.

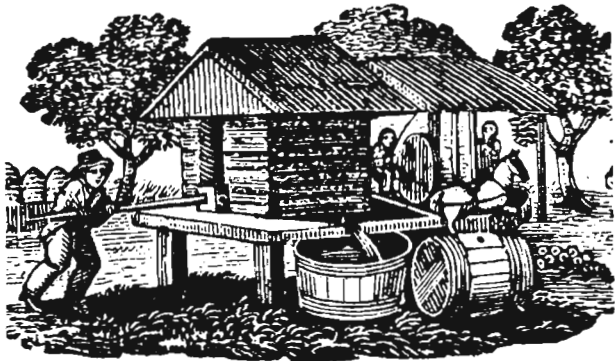
Meetings



The first meeting of the coming season was held on Sept 14 at the City Hall. There were
18 members present. The evening was spent in a short business meeting followed by a
slide show. The big topic of discussion was the declaring of 1982 as the Centennial year
for Black Diamond. With the exciting year coming up, members are urged to attend meetings
and take part in planning each phase of the celebration year. Remember...meetings are
on the second Monday of each month, at the City Hall at 7:30 p.m. An attempt is made at
each meeting to bring to light some aspect of local history whether by speakers, tapes or
slides. We are anxious to have anyone who has been taking slides during the past years
to contact the Society at 886-1168 or tell any other member so that they may be shared
with other members. We, also, appreciate hearing about any group who entertain at small
groups. This is Your Society and always needs your help.

Information Needed

We are at a point now where we can think of putting up our actual displays in the Depot. At the last meeting it was decided to make June 6, 1982 as a target date for opening. In the meantime we have to know what will be available to display. It is most important that all members let us know if they have articles which they intend to let us use. We need to know in order to plan the displays. We are being helped by Charles Payton of the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle. If you do not want to part permanently with your article, a lending program can be worked out. Please let us know what your intentions are by calling or writing us. The phone number and address as listed on front page. If you have any ideas... if you have seen a display elsewhere that made an impression on you let us know. All ideas will be considered. Please help us.....

I Remember

I remember, I remember, Ere my childhood
flitted by,
It was cold then in December and was warmer
in July,
In the winter there were freezings,
In the summer, there were thaws.
But the weather isn't now at all,
Like what it used to was.

Calling all Cooks

As mentioned elsewhere in the Newsletter, the Thursday lunch program has proved very helpful. There is a need for more persons to serve. We are grateful to the few who have been doing it but we don't want to wear them out!! The menu is left to the hostess and for the most part has consisted of either soup or sandwiches and a simple dessert. A small stipend is paid to each hostess to help defray the cost. Coffee is supplied by the Society. Soup bowls and table service are on hand. How about it all you good cooks???? Let's hear from you. The men enjoy the hour of relaxing and planning. They say they have yet to get a "bum meal"!!!

Donations

Altho there has been poor response to the request for a self-addressed stamped envelope for return mail, several generous members have sent money ear-marked for postage. We want to thank each one of you and to assure you that we do our best to make it stretch.

If any of you have been down Railroad Ave. near the Depot and Jail you will have noticed the signs on both buildings. They were painted by Karl Sebastian. They really help identify the buildings. Thanks a million, Karl.....

There was a need for new windows in the restrooms in the Depot. Dave Garrett offered to see that new frames were made. He had Cliff Murphy (KVI sky-watcher) construct them. He, in

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turn donated his labor. Both Dave and Cliff have our appreciation.

We are fortunate to have as a member "a man with a gun" that is...a paint gun. Ed Gokey has been kind enough to donate his time and labor to spray the inside of the depot and jail. The rough lumber would have presented a real problem to a brush painter. Thanks, Ed.

In trying to keep the "old look" it was tried at all times to use old weathered lumber where it showed. Sue and Chuck Smith were the sources of much of the lumber used. Thanks for your generosity.

At the last meeting, the Society was presented with a valuable Brakeman's lantern by member Margaret LaLoge of Tacoma. Thank you, Margaret...

It is difficult to list every item individually but please know that all who are working on the restoration and display project really appreciate all things given.



Mystery Lady

The lovely lady standing on the street in Franklin has us baffled. She has been identified as Mrs. Klansnic, Mrs. Marchx, and Mrs. Vercheuren. Each name has been disputed. We would like to have any opinions you may have. Even the location has been challenged. Was it truly Franklin? What do you think?

State of the Depot and Jail Restoration

For many years the need for gathering and preserving the history of Black Diamond was felt by many persons in the area. In 1976, as a result of the Bicentennial movement, a group finally got together and organized the Historical Society. After some discussion it was decided to restore the old Depot and make it into a museum. It has proved to be a bigger task than was anticipated. Up until this year, a steady crew of three men with an occasional short-term volunteer worked for a half day on Thursday. Progress was steady but slow. These past few months have seen^N the work crew increase by four more men. A lunch program has been established making it possible for them to work all day. It is proving very successful. Unless you were able to see the building before it had any work done on it, it is hard to realize how much has been done. The following list tells of some of the work which has been accomplished:

1. The foundation was repaired and a cement wall across the full length of the front was installed.
2. Platform rebuilt and Stationmaster's Bay rebuilt.
3. Windows were restored to the old-style. New gutters were installed.
4. Repaired and resurfaced walls and floors inside. Original ceiling height restored.
5. Front porch was repaired and reroofed.
6. The entire building was rewired. Grant Griffin donated labor.
7. The inside of the building was painted. The outside repainted original red.
8. Restored porch in back of building for emergency exit.
9. Extended platform beyond building and built steps to mining exhibit area.
10. Located and installed original type semaphore. It is wired to an automatic sensor.
11. Graded railroad bed along platform and hauled in cinders.
12. A security system has been installed. Cost \$1370.20. \$1250.00 paid by Hld Grant.
13. Poured platform^m to hold the heat pump. By so doing, a cost of \$500. was saved.
14. Had heating system installed. It is a Heat Pump. Partly to be paid by Hld Grant.
15. Moved the jail and set it on a concrete foundation. Put on a new roof. Replaced floor completely. Repaired the walls. Made new doors. Reworked the windows. Made new bunks. Built a front porch and painted the interior.
16. At north end of Depot, a simulated mine entrance is being built under the supervision of Ted Banner. Palmer Coking Coal is going to donate a coal car and other items necessary to make it look like a real mine entrance.

As you can see much work has been done to make the building a good safe place to store and display our Collection.

Work on the display area will consist of repairing showcases, painting, refinishing floors and other cosmetic things to make it an attractive place. Charles Payton, of the Museum of History and Industry is being very helpful with labor and suggestions.

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